



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 8, 2002

S. 2968

Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on October 8, 2002*

SUMMARY

S. 2968 would establish a new grant program to assist state and local governments in acquiring eligible Civil War battlefield sites. The bill also would require the National Park Service (NPS) to update a 1993 report on Civil War battlefield protection to reflect recent preservation activities, changes in battlefield conditions, and other developments. Finally, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$0.5 million to update the report and \$10 million a year for grants over the 2004-2008 period.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that the NPS would spend \$17 million over the next five years to implement S. 2968. An additional \$34 million would be spent for this purpose after 2007, including \$10 million authorized to be appropriated for 2008. The legislation would not affect revenues or direct spending.

S. 2968 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enacting this legislation would benefit state and local governments that would be eligible for grant funds. Any costs incurred by these governments to comply with the conditions of this assistance would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2968 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the \$0.5 million authorized for the battlefield report will be appropriated for 2003 and that the \$10 million for grants will be appropriated for each year authorized through 2008. Outlays are estimated on the basis of historical spending patterns for other land acquisition grants.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	1	10	10	10	10
Estimated Outlays	1	1	2	5	8

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On September 30, 2002, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5125, the Civil War Battlefield Preservation Act of 2002, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2002. The two pieces of legislation are identical, as are the CBO cost estimates.

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